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Exhibits and Contests To Mark the Observance Of Catholic Book Week

This year Saint Michael's will celebrate Catholic Book Week from February 19 to the 26. An exhibit of books on 1959 Young Adult Reading will be on display in the library. Students are welcome to enter.

Dr. William A. Fitzgerald sponsored a movement in 1940 called the Catholic Library Association which marked the beginning of National Catholic Book Week better known as Catholic Book Week. Its function and purpose was to inform the members of the Universal Church that sound and Catholic literature was being produced. Good reading on the part of Catholic patrons of public and private lending libraries was stressed.

By its attempts and encouragement the Catholic Library Association has definitely assumed leadership in the field of Catholic Readers guidance. It has fostered the habit of good reading among many Catholics in this country.

The aims of Catholic Book Week as set forth by the Catholic Library Association are: to focus attention on the magnificent role of the Catholic Church, through the centuries, as patron and promoter of good literature; to pay tribute to Catholic books and their authors; to impress Americans with the wealth of entertaining, informative, and inspiring books written in a thoroughly Christian tone; to express appreciation of the efforts of the publishers of Catholic books; and to encourage authorship on the part of Catholics.

The freshmen will have an opportunity to show their talents to the upper school when they participate in the competition reserved to them. A bibliography using reference books on Catholic topics will be their objective. Can you unscramble words, sophomores? If so you will not want to miss your contest. The idea is to unscramble titles and authors. A crossword puzzle using titles and authors will be an interesting challenge for the juniors.

Our seniors will participate by compiling a reading list. Each room will be asked to decorate one bulletin board for Catholic Book Week. Will you help make this week enjoyable, interesting and educational?

Valerie Bartley

Fathers Club, Mothers Auxiliary Plan Gala Dance

The Second Annual Dance sponsored jointly by the Fathers Club and Mothers Auxiliary of Saint Michael's High School will be held Saturday, February 7 in the Saint Michael's School Hall. Chairlady and Chairman of the affair are Mrs. Marie Fox and Mr. Sal Frustaglia. Since last year's dance scored a tremendous social success, plans are underway to make this evening the outstanding, fun-filled event of the year.

Dancing from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M., free tap beer and soda, cheese and crackers, pretzels and potato chips are included in the \$2.00 admission price. Not bad! Tables may also be reserved for a group of ten on request.

We urge all students to encourage their parents to attend. Fathers and Mothers who are not members of either organization are cordially invited also. Will you help make this a "Night to Remember?"

School Paper Dons New Garb

At last Saint Michael's schoolpaper, the Victor, has launched out into the deep and donned a new garb. Both faculty and staff have been eager to present the students with an attractive and eye-catching format. We hope you like our latest style. However, it is your responsibility, Michaelits, to live and give us the news that makes a schoolpaper the organ of communication and education it is meant to be. Your co-operation and suggestions are needed by the staff to achieve this goal.

St. Michaels' To Inaugurate College Entrance Classes

With the beginning of the new term, a new class will be inaugurated at Saint Michael's. In order to help more students attain entrance into the colleges of their choice, special preparatory classes will be held after school for fifth and sixth termers. The girls will be given aid in understanding and solving problems in Mathematics, reading and dealing with word relations in English, and Social Studies. Sister M. Carol, Sister M. Donald, Sister M. Geraldine and Sister M. Jogues have volunteered their services to about one hundred juniors who have registered for these courses. Their reward will come when they see their students happily going on to college after graduation in 1960.

Alumnae Meet Varsity Game Of The Year!

Greetings sport fans! January 9 marked the most important event of the sports year. St. Michael's Varsity and Alumnae met for the first time to demonstrate their skill as basketball players.

The judges were introduced as: time keeper—Mary Kriedman; score keeper—Mary Manfredi; and referees; Miss Mulvey and Miss Wilhelm.

The Alumnae team consisted of Sheila Connolly, Carol Lehmann, Gail Pardo, Natalie Leonardo, Patricia McCabe, Priscilla Parks, Lorraine Messineo, and Joanne Bonura.

In the first quarter, 16-4 Varsity, the Alumnae tried to score despite their year's absence from the game. (There was a vain attempt on the part of S. Connolly and C. Lehmann to play a little tennis.)

Feverish efforts of L. Messineo at four shots raised the score for her Alumnae team 27-9, Varsity at second quarter spurred the two teams forward.

Between each quarter the precision steps of the cheerleaders and the spirited voices of the boosters were most enjoyable.

Misses Mulvey and Wilhelm did an excellent job of "crazylegging", around the court and should be congratulated.

37-14, Varsity, third quarter with Father Capistran remarking "I'm trying my best to boost the Alumnae on because I had each one of them in class!"

Finally at the close of the fourth quarter, score 49-21, the two teams laughingly went to the lockers to change for the dance. Music was provided by Father Capistran's tape recorder and amplifiers.

A spirit of laughter and fun made this Alumnae gathering an evening of pleasant enjoyment and gay reminiscences.

Judith Anne Graeter

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SACRIFICE FOR LENT



Let Us Console Him

Our Blessed Lord, in dying for us upon the Cross, opened the Gates of Paradise that we might enter therein, to enjoy His Presence for all eternity. His death on Calvary was the beginning of life for us, his people, and we, in gratitude, commemorate, and relive those last days before the Crucifixion, in the Holy Season of Lent.

During this time, we may, by prayer, draw closer to our abandoned Savior, kneeling in the Garden of Olives, bathed in blood, and prostrate in agony: "Father, if it be possible let this chalice pass from Me; but not my Will but Thine be done."

Through the Stations of the Cross we can walk with Him up the steep and rugged way to Calvary—consoling Him, thanking Him, assuring Him that it is not all in vain.

The Rosary affords us the opportunity of consoling our dear Mother Mary who looked with tear dimmed eyes upon the scarred and sorrowful Face of her Divine Son—of easing the pain of the lance that pierced her loving heart.

At Mass Christ offers Himself again to His Father in Heaven, as He did on that first Good Friday. Through the hands of our priests He becomes our all-perfect Victim, the Lamb of God slain for the sins of man.

All these acts of love will draw us closer to God, but the most perfect way to unite ourselves to our Suffering Lord is to approach His altar and receive Him, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity into our hearts. While we kneel in silent adoration, He will teach us the true meaning of Lent. As we savor the Bread of Angels, He will tenderly take possession of the heart that wishes to belong to Him.

Call with confidence upon the Virgin Mary. In her gentle way she will beckon to us. If we follow, she will lead us to the destination of which we have dreamed.

There at the foot of the Cross we will discover a peace far greater than the world could ever know. Overcome by the depths of love lingering in the tearful Eyes of our Crucified Jesus we will pledge our eternal love and loyalty to this the greatest of Lovers. Gazing at Him, we will surrender our entire liberty to be disposed of as He sees fit. For none can withstand the affections of the Lord whose thorn-crowned head is "bent to kiss you, whose arms are outstretched to embrace you, whose heart is open that you may enter and dwell within."

Anne Theresa Hill

The faculty and students of Saint Michael's extend their sympathy and promise of prayers to Father Bertrand Scully, O.F.M. Cap. on the death of his father, and to Sister Mary Ethel O.P. on the death of her mother.

May they rest in peace!

The Real School Spirit

The holidays have passed, and little by little the city returns to its normal self. Our trees have been discarded, their shining bulbs and stars carefully packed away for next year. The wreath no longer hangs upon the door, and the mailbox, once so overloaded, seems empty and bare.

The disc jockeys replace "White Christmas" with "Queen of the Hop", and the stores brag of "White Sale" and discount bargains. The bells have stopped ringing and Dickens "Christmas Carol" is replaced on the shelf, until next year, when its message will again delight the hearts of people everywhere.

The noise, the toasts, the thrills of New Years, have also died. Times Square is just a train station; resolutions have been broken and forgotten, and Auld Lang Syne has been sung out for the year.

It would seem that the peace and good will of Christmas have died with the holly and the mistletoe, until December '59 when they are recalled to use! But this is not as it should be, for the spirit of Christmas is a timeless thing. The world waited too long in darkness, for the coming of the Light to be forgotten, as soon as the Holy Season is gone.

Despite the fact that the world is in a terrible state, threatened by war and communism, people find a retreat from its sinful ways at Christmas. In the magnificence of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, in the humility of the mission chapel, one finds the real meaning of the feast, and rejoices in His coming—"in prophesy in the Old Testament, in history at Bethlehem, in mystery at Christmas, in majesty at the end of time!"

Let's strive to keep the spirit of Christmas alive, here in Saint Michael's! A warm smile, a cheerful word, a helping hand are the only ingredients necessary for a pleasant atmosphere. Blend well with cooperation; add a bit of extra effort, and top it off with real interest. This is the recipe for a profitable and pleasant high school education.

Make it a point, therefore, not to stack away the good resolutions, and the holiday spirit, with the wreaths and the ribbons of Christmas. But rather, let's try to keep alive in our hearts the spirit of the Infant Savior, Love Itself, and He in turn will raise His tiny Hands in blessing over us, and over Saint Michael's!

Anne Hill

Think This Over!

Every year during the octave of the feast of the Immaculate Conception and this year on Sunday, December 14, Catholics throughout the nation are requested to renew the pledge of the Legion of Decency. As always the churches echoed with the voices of its parishioners repeating the pledge after the priest. But as in previous years upon leaving church, the promises made there are soon forgotten by most of the people.

The Legion of Decency aims to have a higher quality of motion picture offered to the public. This aim, however, cannot be achieved without the cooperation of all Catholics. Since we teenagers constitute a large percentage of the moviegoing population, we can be of great help in this crusade. If teenagers and adults, as well, avoided those pictures which were condemned or declared objectionable in part, the theatres would be forced to improve the type of movies they show.

Even though there is a Code by which the film industry censors pictures it is not very effective and allows many pictures which should be banned to reach the theaters.

That the aims of the Legion of Decency can be realized was proved by Bishop Scully at the annual meeting of Bishops in Washington. There he told of the outstanding accomplishment of one major film company, which release 48 pictures and received an approved classification for 44 of them.

Since its organization in 1938, the Legion of Decency has been waging an untiring campaign against immoral pictures. But it is evident that if Catholics do not cooperate with the efforts of the Legion, the number of immoral and indecent films instead of decreasing will become greater in number than ever before.

Carol Lioio

The Bee Hive



Legion Of Mary

"Come O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful..." this familiar prayer fills the Biology Lab, at the commencement of each Legion of Mary meeting. Sister Mary Donald O.P. is Moderator of the Legion, she endeavors to implant in the heart of each Legionary a spirit of prayer and sacrifice.

After opening prayers the meeting continues with the reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting, by Eleanor Santangelo, vice-president. Attendance is checked by Jean Manzanillo, secretary. Marilyn Avena, treasurer, reports on the financial status of the Legion and then passes the "Secret Bag." This is a method which enables each girl to give as much money as she can to replenish the Legion's funds.

With all formalities of the week taken care of, Barbara Tortorice, president, hears the reports from each girl concerning the special work which she performs that has spiritual and temporal values. Many Legionaries visit Saint Joseph's Hall, where they help the sisters by doing various chores and by taking care of the children. Others help Brother William in the church by assisting with odd jobs. Some girls baby sit for parents who attend Mass or Church services, and several girls collect stamps and religious magazines to send to the Missions.

Legions all over the world are striving to achieve the same goal. They constantly pray for world unity and peace and the salvation of sinners. Prayers are directed to the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede with her Divine Son that all these requests may be granted and that the work of the Legion of Mary may continue to flourish throughout the world.

Forensic League

This National League was established for Catholic boys and girls interested in public speaking. By doing so these students receive extensive training in speaking, pronunciation, vocabulary enrichment, and oratorical qualifications.

Each Catholic high school is invited to join the "Forensic League". St. Michael's group is under the capable supervision of Sister M. Malcolm O.P. Sister conducts weekly meetings to keep the girls in tip-top condition, by checking and correcting their oratorical abilities. Among her responsibilities, Sister must also be certain that "laryngitis" does not set in before an important speech meet. These meets are held monthly and members from many high schools participate. There are five divisions in which a contestant may choose to speak: debate, extempore, original oratory, oratorical interpretation, and dramatic interpretation. As of late, the girls have only embarked on the fields of original oratory and oratorical interpretation.

St. Michael's has only been a member of the League since October, and as yet has not received any trophies. Our girls are not "babes in the wood," now, and their enthusiastic response will help them achieve their goal, trophies for St. Michael's. In so doing, they will long be remembered as the faithful pioneers in the Forensic League.

Angela Barone

Mission Club

On November seventeenth the girls of our school were asked by Sister Thomas Francis, O.P. to help the missions in a particular manner. They were to receive, however, a return for their money. Each day a different class baked cakes, cookies, pies, etc. The goodies were placed on sale at the lunch periods. The girls responded enthusiastically not only in the baking, but also in the buying of the cakes. About \$25 was sent to Fr. Parker, a Columbian priest in Japan and \$83 was given to Sister Carmel, a Nursing Sister of the Sick Poor in Brooklyn. Among the most cooperative classes were E19-D, E34-201 and E12-101. The drive is now over, but we are looking forward to the continuation of this method of obtaining financial aid for God's wonderful missionaries.

Chemistry Classes Initiated

Once a week a chemistry class is held after school. It is taught by Sister Mary Donald, O.P. every Thursday afternoon, from 3 to 4 P.M. There are about thirty girls attending these sessions. Some of the members wish to become nurses and for them chemistry is a requisite. Others wish to gain more credit for college entrance. It is an interesting and profitable advantage offered to our ambitious students.

Art Club Displays Talent

Brush, brush, brush! as members of the Fr. Angelico Art Club worked tirelessly to decorate our school building for Christmas. The Nativity scene on the large doors at the entrance captured the attention of all passers-by. Flanked by two altar boys, the portrayal of Christ's birth was a source of inspiration to its viewers. Valerie Bartley and Rosalind Aversano merit special mention for their efforts on this project. The entire Art Club co-operated to produce inspiring and attractive posters. Many hours of labor were expended to give Saint Michael's an atmosphere of true Christmas joy.

The favorable comments of faculty, students and visitors afforded ample proof of the appreciation and pleasure evoked by the endeavors of these "eager beavers of pen and paint."

We are looking forward to more of these artistic expressions.
Margaret Owens

Stardust At Midnight

Three hundred sixty five days have flown by; another year is complete. As we think back over the year there are only few days which are vivid in our memory. These are special birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and other memorable occasions. The remaining days have fitted into the usual pattern of our lives and have already faded into insignificance.

One evening in 1958 that will be remembered by the students of Saint Michael's is New Year's Eve. On that memorable evening our gymnasium was turned into a magic ballroom. Girls of all terms, clad in holiday apparel, whirled around the floor with their best beaux. Tables were set up and refreshments were served, making it a festive and gala evening. This holiday dance was given to us through the graciousness of Father Godfrey, O.F.M. Cap. As the bewitching hour of midnight approached shouts of "Happy New Year!" filled the hall. This magic evening came to an end at one o'clock.

We, the students of Saint Michael's, take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our dearly beloved pastor, Father Godfrey, for all that he has done for us during the past year. We hope he will be as kind and generous during 1959. For you, Father Godfrey, we wish the best of everything that God in his kindness and goodness may grant you.

Katherine Shaltonis

Senior Personalities

"The best friend a girl could have" are the words used by her E73-302 classmates to describe Carol Lioio. Attractive dark-haired, brown eyed Carol is active and well-known throughout the school. Membership in the Blessed Virgin Sodality and Co-editor of the Victor are two of her interests. Not one to let outside activities interfere with class work, she keeps up a 95% average and belongs to the Leo Honor Society.

A Frank Sinatra and Johnny Mathis fan, Carol also enjoys pizza and, "everything that isn't good for me." A parishioner of Saint Michael's she is a credit to her parish and school.

Friendly, sincere, full of pep, describes Phyllis Ammirati. She is one of those gals who help make Saint Michael's a school to be admired.

Phyllis has carried on a very active program all through her high school days. This is her fourth year with the Young Christian Students, Glee Club and Decorating Committee. (Now you know who to thank for all the clever dance decorations). Added to her endeavors are the Dramatic Club, Forensic League, and the Archangel.

This senior thinks that the school offers many opportunities for students through the various activities. By joining these activities she believes, you get to know many interesting personalities.

Future plans include college. Later she intends to become a teacher of business subjects. We know she will be a success in whatever she chooses to do.

Eugenia DeSomma, known to her friends as Joy, certainly deserves this name. She is a sparkling senior with bright eyes and a warm smile. Joy may be found singing with the Glee Club, or attending a meeting of the Blessed Virgin Soladity. Pistachio nuts, Bat Master-son—and Cookie, a character in the television show, 77 Sunset Strip, are some of her favorites. Short hair and shiny shoes are her trademark. Her ambition is to be a good secretary.

When Joy's friends were asked what they thought of her their reply was, "She's the greatest!" We agree.

Diane McCarthy is a girl who participates in activities throughout the school. A member of a "D" (Distributed) class, E77-D, to be exact, she may be found in a various number of places at different times. And in each part of the building she has friends galore.

A resident of the Ridgewood section, she travels forty-five long minutes each morning, in rain, snow, sleet or hale, to attend St. Michael's. She hopes that this sacrifice, will bring upon her an abundance of success after she graduates in June.

All the likeable, loveable, things about Diane sparkle in her green eyes. When these Irish eyes start smiling you can be sure they reflect the happy laughter of those around her. In her own, sincere way, she puts anyone at ease. Besides these attributes, which Diane does not admit possessing, she is also talented as an actress. She held three roles in the Christmas play which the Dramatic Club presented. First she rolled around the stage, as the male partner in the roller-skating routine. She then portrayed an angel, and in the final tableau posed as St. Joseph. Another activity to which she contributes is the Blessed Virgin Sodality. This outstanding senior will long be remembered for her genuine sweetness of disposition.

Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION

"What was your reaction to the Christmas gifts you received?"

Betty Kobetitsch—E 12:

I received as much as I wanted, with duplicates! Namely, three pairs of earrings. I really don't know what to do with them, except wear them all at once.

Patricia Reilly—E 14:

I received a so-called bottle of cologne. It was beautifully wrapped, but I got the scare of my life when I opened it. My beautiful bottle of cologne turned out to be a rubber mouse in disguise.

Judy Wiggins—E 37:

On Christmas morning I was really very disappointed. Though I had received many nice gifts; the one I really wanted, was missing. That afternoon I went to my grandmother's house and there, under the

tree, as big as life, was my beautiful, bulky, blue, mohair sweater. A happier girl could not be found Christmas afternoon.

Jackie Graffeo—E 38:

A dirty, old cigar box was one of my gifts. I feared opening it. As I flipped the top open, I was amazed. The most beautiful furry, white kitten I ever laid eyes on sat before me. It certainly was a proof that "You can't tell a book by its cover."

Patricia Bader—E 52 D:

I received an envelope containing \$20, for Christmas. My reaction? I was overwhelmed. I made up my mind to go shopping as soon as possible and spend every cent of it. And I did.

Rose Pompeo—E 52:

Since it is necessary to have short nails for transcription, I usually sigh in envy when I chance to see long nails. Alas, mine must always be clipped. That is why my favorite Christmas gift was a box of—You guessed it . . . False Nails!

Rosemarie Sporrer—E 62:

My reaction to all of my gifts was, "I didn't get what I wanted." I still don't know why I didn't receive the red and black convertible since I always get what I want.

Anna Stuporas—E 61:

I waited for it to come, that wonderful Christmas day. The items on the top of my list were there, right where I hoped they would be. And what were they? Two additions to my menagerie. An adorable pink cat called "Pinky", and a cuddly blue dog, alias "Blue Boy."

Lynne Lisa De Sens



Hooray For Waistlines!

Among your New Year's resolutions include an amendment to decrease your waistline. A lot of us let our figures go when the chemise was around, but top fashion designers predict that tiny waistlines will be a key feature throughout 1959. There is hope for those of you who have anything over a 22" circumference. The answer lies in a uniquely made "waist cinch." This figure consoling gadget can diminish inches from your waist.

It is just one of the many things that will help to get you ready for the avalanche of new styles ahead.

Shirtwaisted dresses will be one of the main attractions because of their crisp look and flattering design. The Empire line will still be worn and is a continuous sell-out in a majority of stores. It tends to add height and slimness to the wearer. A modified version of the trapeze, with box jacket and semi-full skirt, is the remaining look that is left from this very unusual style.

A bit of ingenuity and planning can change a nonusable sack into quite a different looking dress. By merely adding a decorative pin, and a colorful sash or belt, you can change entirely the appearance of your older dresses.

In regard to the length of dresses they will continue to be worn short throughout the spring and early fall, who knows where it will go from there? Before buying a dress, however you should ask yourself a few questions. Does this particular style suit my personality and figure and most of all, is it modest? Does the color and fabric agree with my coloring? Is this dress keeping within my budget? And lastly will you be able to wear it again?

Rosalind Aversano

Open Letter of Appreciation

Dear Father Godfrey.

Upon completing the nine First Fridays in the manner set forth by Our Lord, a person avails himself of many spiritual benefits. Very often, however, because of the amount of time consumed in traveling and the schedule of Masses in our parish churches, we high school students were prevented from taking advantage of the graces derived in fulfilling the First Friday obligations.

Due to your thoughtful interest we are now able to attend a special Mass during school time. Moreover, we have the added convenience of receiving the sacrament of Penance the Thursday before. We realize that this arrangement has placed an extra burden on the Fathers. Only God, Himself, can adequately reward you and them for the zeal you manifest in our spiritual welfare. We are truly grateful.

Carol Lioio,
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Why Valentine Greetings?

Do you know how Saint Valentine's Day came to be? Actually it is a survival of a Roman festival at which men drew lots to decide which girls would be their "valentine's" for the year.

On February 14, the day before the festival began, a Roman priest, St. Valentine, was put to death. The Christians, who loved St. Valentine, wanted to celebrate his feast day but were afraid to do so because of persecutions. They decided to send each other messages, recalling the death of this beloved martyr during the feast. In so doing they would not be detected. Although the custom is not as widespread as it formerly has been we still renew in our hearts, the warmth of love, expressed in these beautiful Valentine greetings.
Joan Pfau

Faculty Profile

Too often high school students do not realize what a complete storehouse of knowledge is placed at their disposal through their subject teachers. Dr. Erlich, who joined our staff this past term, possesses an extremely learned background. She spent many years acquiring this knowledge and she now offers the fruits of her endeavor to the girls of Saint Michael's.

Dr. Erlich originally came from Vienna, Austria, where she was born in the year 1904. Her education up to, and including the University was completed in Vienna. Majoring in the Romance languages, History of Art, and Philosophy she received her Doctor of Philosophy Degree. Upon completion of her Vienna studies at the age of 26, Dr. Erlich left her homeland for India. There she tutored the daughter of Sir Arthur Lottrian, Resident of India (resident is an English representative to India). She was also a close friend of Dr. Maria Montessori, who introduced "Sense Training Schools" at Presentation Convent in Nilgeria, South India. These schools were conducted with the theory that knowledge could be acquired through the senses, so that learning would be easier since it could be more natural. Dr. Erlich taught in these schools.

She came to America eight years ago, equipped with a rich experience in almost every field of teaching. Now as a member of our faculty she continues to bring to others the knowledge and wisdom which she herself possesses.

Angela Barone

What The Tunes Tell

It's All in the Game.....	65%
From Here to Eternity.....	Coke Line
Memories are Made of This.....	Saint Michael's
It's Only Make Believe.....	Dummy in the lab
Could This be Magic.....	Prom night
Out of Sight, Out of Mind.....	School books
I'm Watching You.....	Student monitors
Chapel Bells.....	First Friday Mass
To Know Him is to Love Him.....	Father Godfrey

Gloria Oberster

MEMO:

Schedule of Events

FEBRUARY

February: Catholic Press Month

2	Monday	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary Candelmas Day
3	Tuesday	Saint Blaise - Blessing of Throats
6	Friday	First Friday
7	Saturday	First Saturday Co-operative High School Entrance Test Fathers' and Mothers' Valentine Dance
11	Wednesday	Our Lady of Lourdes Closing of the Centennial Year Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent
12	Thursday	Lincoln's Birthday - Holiday
13	Friday	Valentine Dance
14	Saturday	Saint Valentine
23	Monday	Washington's Birthday - Holiday



Mrs. Scharnberger

FACULTY PROFILE

Preceding her embarkment upon a teaching position here at Saint Michael's, Mrs. Scharnberger has had experience in many fields of activity. She became a resident of New York in her grammar school days, and continued her education there. As a graduate of City College, Hunter College and Baruch School of Business, her main studies were centered on Real Estate Insurance and Office Management. The fruits of her endeavor were fertilized when she held leading positions in the field of office management, in law offices and Real Estate Insurance.

Through her business experience and her own versatile personality, Mrs. Scharnberger, soon became a well known community leader. For many years she was Supervisor of the Catholic Business Women's Association, and also served on the Bishop's and Neighborhood Committees in Girl Scouting.

She previously taught in numerous Queens Schools, the most recent being Saint Margaret's Middle Village. Because of her extremely learned background she was a once chosen delegate to the National Catholic Educators Association and will attend the convention of the National Council of Catholic Women which will be held in Atlantic City this spring.

Mrs. Scharnberger hopes to continue here at Saint Michael's indefinitely, in order to do her part in training the girls to be Catholic leaders of the future.

SAINT MICHAEL'S GREETINGS TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS MRS. SHOULE

Mrs. Shoule, a graduate of Hunter College, joined our faculty in February. She previously taught in Queens Schools, being a very active member of community and college organizations.

As President of Saint John's University Auxiliary, she also devotes much of her time to her children and to successful Catholic leadership. She worked closely with the Girl Scouts for many years as a troop leader, leader-trainer and served on the neighborhood committee.

Saint Michael's extends a cordial welcome to Mrs. Shoule. We are certain that the students appreciate her teaching ability and experience with all types of people.

MISS BAJARDI

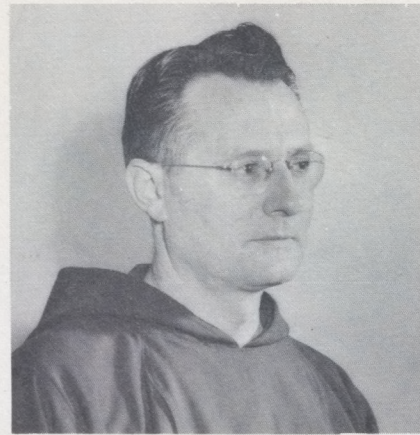
Miss Bajardi, who also joined our staff in February, previously taught at Saint Joseph's Commercial High School. At Saint Joseph's she taught English and Biology, Biology being one of her majors at Fordham University where she acquired her degree.

Born and raised in New York, Miss Bajardi follows the various sports, baseball being her favorite.

From her own point of view she believes that each student should endeavor to do her best in the things that interest her. Whether it be secretarial work, nursing or any other profession, she advises each pupil to contribute her utmost and feels that the teacher should aid her pupils to do so.

We know, that Miss Bajardi will find her stay at Saint Michael's enjoyable and profitable.

Angela Barone



My dear Students:

A teenager loses proper respect for others when she starts to exaggerate her own importance. In other words, as soon as selfishness dominates her character, she invariably hurts other people. It will start out with inconsiderateness and meanness to her brothers and sisters. She will consider herself superior to her classmates and start to look down on them because she is prettier or more talented. Even her parents, who gave her life, protection, education, will on occasion become the object of her nasty remarks, her sullen silence. Such a teenager has lost her childhood reverence for the people who deserve her respect. Now she is grown up—but in the process she has lost a childhood quality which Christ wants to see in people of all ages.

Another teenage problem is that of obedience. Everyone, of course, likes to do what he or she pleases. A person, however, who actually follows out such a program, gradually develops into a positively detestable brat. It is deplorable sometimes to see youngsters refuse to do what they are told by their parents, sulking or crying until they get what they want. As these youngsters get older they become more and more independent and rebellious. By the time they reach young adulthood they are a positive menace. I do not mean that they necessarily become delinquent after the manner of the zip gun, switch blade, mugging, hot rod, marijuana type. I just mean that by the time they reach adulthood, they are thoroughly obnoxious individuals, doomed to make themselves and others unhappy. On the other hand, a person who has learned to deny herself and to listen to others, will grow up to be much wiser, and—so much nicer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Godfrey, O.F.M. Cap.



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